

MEMO TO THE FILE

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Conversation with Fred Joest, Navy

I called Fred Joest today to tell him that we, the Department of State, had reviewed the ~~memofax~~ need for a new ~~175~~ Circular 175 authority to negotiate and that David Small, L/NEA, had reported that authority to negotiate was granted initially with the negotiations for the compensation for individuals and that that was still adequate.

I asked Joest if he would be ~~am~~ able to give me a position paper or negotiating issues paper so that State will know what specifically Navy wants from the negotiations. I said that it should be cleared as high as necessary in Navy as was necessary for them to begin negotiations. Whatever level of ~~negotiations~~ ~~they~~ clearance they use we will designate a correspondingly high level ~~mk~~ to receive the memo or paper.

Joest asked what was the basis for his ~~mk~~ paper and I told him the dip note that we had received from the Israelis stating that they were ready to begin negotiations. (May 78?) I sent him a copy. He said that when he receives a copy ~~f~~ of the note we will do his ~~paper~~ paper and be back in touch. Then he said he was leaving in the ~~middle~~ middle of next week and would ~~not~~ not be back until after Thanksgiving. I briefed Cubbison on the status of ~~mk~~ affairs.

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